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Attorney General John Ashcroft

US Department of Justice

950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

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Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

Though not a regular computer user, as an American who believes in the importance of the entrepreneurial spirit, I would like to voice my opinion on the stance the Justice Department needs to take on the upcoming settlement decision with Microsoft. I believe to take a truly great American company that started from ground zero and earned its way to the top, then break it up or infringe on its right to do business is not in the spirit of fair competition that so many claim to support. Now that Microsoft has offered a settlement, its time to put this behind us.

The current proposal sounds very fair. From what I've read, Microsoft will standardize pricing for its customers, not act against any customer that uses competing software and will even allow other companies to access and license its internal intellectual property. The company has then agreed to a technical committee of software experts to oversee Microsoft's continued compliance of the deal. So, it seems like any concerns from before the lawsuit are being met and the Big Brother approach by the

government needs to stop immediately.

Please accept the terms of this settlement and allow Microsoft to focus on creating jobs again, which the country needs most right now. I thank you for your attention to my feedback.

With sincere regards for American enterprise,

Judyth Sweet